

MEETING MINUTES
ALLIGATOR CREEK WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
November 5, 2015 – Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Howard Brooks, Ed Minzer, Michael Shaughness, Kenneth Fahrbach, and Mark Vaivoda

Absent: Robert Robinson (unexcused)

County: Dawn Harrison, Mike Dallenbach, and Kelly Louttit

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken that determined a quorum was present. Membership terms were discussed.

Changes to the Agenda: No changes to the agenda.

The minutes from April 2, 2015 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- None

Old Business:

- Dredging – Mr. Minzer stated the National Marine Fisheries review is complete and Army Corp of Engineers stated the permit should be issued within thirty days. Discussion continued regarding permitting issues, delays and preventative measures to ensure the new permit does not expire. Ms. Harrison will consult with Mr. Mopps to develop a system to monitor the expiration date of the permit. Mr. Minzer motioned to do a change order to Coastal Engineering to cover the pre-construction survey for - 6 feet MLW to include the four additional pay surveys and the costs for an additional 90 days of construction observations and administration with the inclusion of the environmental compliance officer; Mr. Fahrbach seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Harrison advised the Advisory Board that the purchasing process will not proceed until permits are obtained. Discussion continued regarding the bathymetric survey for permitting purposes and timeframe for the project. Ms. Harrison will provide the Advisory Board with the dates of the pre-bid and bid award dates.
- Cut through/City of Punta Gorda- Discussion occurred regarding channel widths in the area, funding of the project, inter-local agreements and the pro versus cons of the cut through.

New Business

- Bathymetric Survey: Item was discussed under dredging.
- Chain located near marker 54 and lock entrance: Discussion occurred regarding a chain placed near marker 54. Mr. Fahrbach stated an unidentified person is cutting mangroves illegally. Discussion continued regarding residents requested installation of pilings to curb boat traffic in the area. Ms. Harrison will investigate if the area is located within County or State boundaries.
- Financials: Ms. Harrison provided the nine month actual reports for Advisory Board review and discussion. ERU's, possible future projects and a request to place minimum wake zones signs near Marker 50. Mr. Minzer requested the informational sign near Marker 20 should be moved to the starboard side. Mr. Mopps will need to make the determination on the placement of the sign.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minutes Limit)

Mr. Hickey would like to see dredging start in the Spring.

Advisory Board Open Discussion:

- No discussion by the Advisory Board

Items for the next agenda:

- Organizational meeting
- Dredging
- Signs

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 4, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Public Works Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Submitted by:

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